

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A method of blasting a snow or ice formation target including a given material comprising,

(a) providing ~~[[an]]~~ a hollow charge explosive device including an explosive charge defining at least one boundary wall of a cavity and including particulate material located forward of said boundary wall so as to be dispersible by said explosive charge when detonated, as claimed in claim ~~1,~~ said particulate material being selected to be one which reacts with water on detonation of the explosive device, ~~the said material of the target on detonation of the explosive device,~~

(b) positioning said explosive device in a predetermined position relative to the snow or ice formation target, and

(c) detonating said explosive device thereby triggering an avalanche.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 19, in which said explosive device is positioned by launching said explosive device by hand or by mechanical or chemical propulsion.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said particulate material is included in a liner, said liner lining said cavity.

25. (New) A method as claimed in claim 24, in which said liner comprises an inner liner skin

and an outer liner skin spaced apart from said inner liner skin, and said particulate material is a loose powder located between said inner liner skin and said outer liner skin.

26. (New) A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein said inner liner skin and said outer liner skin are formed from a glass reinforced plastics material.

27. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, in which said particulate material is embedded in a solid binder.

28. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, in which said particulate material has been consolidated by mechanical pressure.

29. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, in which said particulate material is aluminum powder.

30. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, in which said particulate material reacts with a predetermined target medium.

31. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a nacelle forward of said cavity, and wherein said particulate material is located in said nacelle.

32. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said device is embodied in a gun firable or hand throwable, or mechanically or chemically launchable projectile.

33. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said device includes a liner which liner includes aluminum powder bound by wax.

34. (New) A method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said wax is paraffin wax.

35. (New) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said explosive charge includes two or more high explosive pellets.

36. (New) A method as claimed in claim 35, wherein one or more of the high explosive pellets is aluminized.